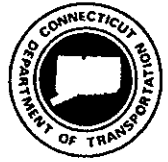




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Regulation Review Committee
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your consideration is a substitute for page 4 of proposed Department of Transportation regulations entitled "State Traffic Administration", Regulation No. 2012-56.

The page is being submitted to correct a drafting error made in the introductory language to a new provision added in Sec. 14-298-801 of the regulations. The change clarifies that the specific individuals and entities identified in this section are to comply with the standards set forth in the *previous* section for traffic control devices. It is our hope that the change will address the concerns outlined by the Legislative Commissioner's Office.

If there are any questions regarding this submission, please contact me at (860) 594-3013.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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(2) Contractors employed in road or street construction or maintenance under contract to any governmental authority and

(3) All others, including employees of public utility companies, performing any work on highways or so closely adjacent as to create hazards for the public or for themselves.]

(New) (a) All temporary traffic control devices used on road or street construction, maintenance work, or for incident management, shall be of the type approved by the Office of the State Traffic Administration and shall be in compliance with the provisions set forth in 23 CFR 655.603.

(b) Such devices shall conform to the standards set forth in the following publications as applicable, except as provided otherwise in sections 14-298-500 to 14-298-900, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies:

(1) The 2009 edition of the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways" (MUTCD) approved by the Federal Highway Administration;

(2) The 2004 edition of the "Standard Highway Signs" approved by the Federal Highway Administration; and

(3) The Connecticut Department of Transportation's "Catalog of Signs".

(c) The decision to use a particular device at a particular location shall be made on the basis of either an engineering study or the application of engineering judgment as defined in the MUTCD.

(d) Engineering judgment should be exercised in the selection and application of all temporary traffic control devices.

Sec. 10. Section 14-298-801 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-298-801 [General Requirements] Responsibility

[(a) All traffic control devices used on road or street construction or maintenance work shall conform to the applicable specifications of these regulations.

(b) Traffic control devices shall be installed at the inception of construction or maintenance operations and shall be properly maintained and/or operated during the time such special conditions exist. They shall remain in place only as long as they are needed and shall be removed immediately thereafter. Where operations are performed in stages, there shall be in place only those devices that apply to the conditions present.

(c) Signs that do not apply in existing conditions shall be removed, covered, or turned so as not to be readable by oncoming traffic.

(d) All dimensions in this part are expressed in English units. Any Connecticut Department of Transportation standards, manuals and guidelines that have been developed in metric dimensions are considered equivalent.]

The standards set forth in section 14-298-800 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are for application by:

(1) The Department of Transportation and municipalities performing construction, maintenance, and incident management operations on roads or streets.

(2) Contractors employed in road or street construction or maintenance under contract to any governmental authority.

(3) All others, including employees of public utility companies, performing any work on highways or so closely adjacent as to create hazards for the public or for themselves.

Sec. 11. Sections 14-298-802 to 14-298-811, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are repealed.